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TAGS: PFOR, UK

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO JAMES CALLAGHAN

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT  
FORD:

BEGIN TEXT JANUARY 19,1977

DEAR JIM:

I HAVE GREATLY APPRECIATED YOUR MESSAGE SINCE THE  
NOVEMBER ELECTION. AS THE WORK OF THIS ADMINISTRATION  
NOW NEARS COMPLETION, I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY VERY  
GREAT SATISFACTION IN WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED.

GREAT BRITAIN IS A CLOSE AND TRUE FRIEND AND ALLY OF  
THE UNITED STATES. TOGETHER YOU AND I HAVE HAD THE  
PLEASURE OF STRENGTHENING AND DEEPENING THIS BILATERAL  
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RELATIONSHIP. WE HAVE SEEN THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR  
PEOPLES GROW, AND WE HAVE SEEN PROGRESS ON POLITICAL,  
DEFENSE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO OUR NATIONS,  
TO THE INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES AND TO THE TRANS-  
ATLANTIC COMMUNITY.

AS I STATED IN MY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, WE

HAVE USED MANY AVENUES FOR COOPERATION, AND THE  
FRIENDSHIP OF THE DEMOCRACIES IS DEEPER, WARMER AND MORE  
EFFECTIVE THAN AT ANY TIME IN 30 YEARS.

I AM CONFIDENT IN THE COURSE WE HAVE SET, AND IN  
THE COMING MONTHS I WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT IN  
SUPPORT OF THE OBJECTIVES THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT  
BRITAIN SHARE. I CONSIDER YOU A VERY GOOD PERSONAL  
FRIEND. I HAVE WELCOMED OUR MEETINGS. I LOOK FORWARD  
TO SEEING YOU AGAIN AND TO FURTHERING THOSE WARM TIES.

BETTY AND I SEND OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU AND  
MRS. CALLAGHAN.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD

THE RIGHT HONORABLE  
JAMES CALLAGHAN  
PRIME MINISTER  
LONDON

END TEXT

2. POUCHED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW.  
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